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OSCAR WHDE ANDD THE IRISH
NATIONALTSTS Of Oscar Wilde, who was bora
of Irish parents in the city of Dublin, it is sarentst that twhen bity of Dabural and varied accomplishments had
won him an anssured place in Eng. Tish sooiety, and when his attitu.
libizizng air had beg divizing air had begun to attract
general attention, it naturally occurred to Irish Nationalists to ask
themselves the question: What manner of man is this son of Erin going to be? Should he do honor
to his origin, and be true as steel where wrong is to be denounced, world's odds? The grandeur of
soul which had distinguished his mother in those well-remembered
times, when revolutionary fires were smouldering er aflame, was
regarded as his birth-right, and it was asked was he going to sell it very name of Oscar-that of the ancient Ireland-seemed to bind make him patriotic by preserip-
tion. When, that be was utterly oblivious of his flung himself into the ranks of himself to be termed a British Isthete, the disappointment and
disgust of the aforesaid national ists could not easily be measured. They denounced and decried him not a small part of the ridicule and treated may be traced to the fact of his appearing to them to be the They argue that in a time like this, when Ireland has the mnilat her throat, when she is girt anound about with English bayoare found behind prison bars, and when a supreme effort is being and give free homes and lands to they arpue that such a man as Oscar Wilde could better employ sheiters for the unfurtunate victims eeeming thoughts to the discussion
of the merits of a picture, a statue six-feet-one of brawn and bone and muscle might be put to a it exhibited in various cities as a milliner's lay figure, on which cer-
tain fantastic garments may be displayed. What seemed to firm the justice of the view taken by the Irish Nationalists was that in the very first sonnet of his pub-
lished volume, he professed an utter contempt for liberty and the struggle in which her claims are
vindicated. As to the latter, he took, he says, an interest in them lution
"Mliroreed his wildest passons uike the sea,"
It is not probable that there is much reality at the back of many of his poetic myths, and it is almost certain that no one with feel-
ing, and surely not Oscar Wilde, can uphold so ungenerous a sentineanngg. Siken in tha Nationalists (notably John Boyle O'Reilly) assert that the son Speranza is a far more manly fel
low than the caricatures of him would lead us to expect, that his overshadowed by many sterling merits, and that in due time he will deserve the world's word of unstinted praise.
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## Monday."-Chicago Tribune.

## The Champion story for 1882 . A friend sent a man in Tex

## know what to feed it on he let run. In a short time it had de

 voured oyster cans, a broken iron pump handle, a pair of andirons, anold scythe, a small coal oil stove
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pipe, which stuck in its throat The stove set fire to the rolling
pin, and the netghbors seeing the poured water down the stovepipe completely drowning the
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